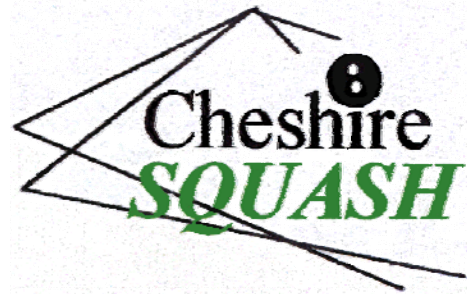


# CHESHIRE JUNIOR SQUASH



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Some great news to report this time around and some very important dates for your diaries below so please read and enjoy .

### **U17 Girls are Inter-County Champions**

The U17 Girls claimed the Inter-Counties title at the National Squash Centre, Manchester at the end of March.

In the semi-finals they faced a very strong Surrey team. Emily got us off to a good start winning 3-0, then in what was really the deciding string Rachel beat Harriet Ingham 3-2 so when Evie also won we were guaranteed a place in the final.

Here they faced Northumbria who they had lost to 4-1 only a month previously so to try and spur them on the team manager supplied Easter eggs (see picture). Emily once again got us off to a good start reversing her last result against this opponent, Rachel and Natasha whilst playing well didn't manage to win their games so it was down to a nail-biting finish as both Lucy and Evie had to win to secure the title. At Newcastle Lucy had beaten her opponent but was struggling on injured knees in the finals weekend (having tried to hurdle a wall at school!) and Evie had just lost 10-9 in the fifth. So with both matches on at the same time on adjacent courts the crowd were a bag of nerves. Both went 2-0 up and then match ball up – only to lose the 3rd game. Evie then managed to take the fourth game so it was down to Lucy, who obviously thought we weren't stressed out enough and took it to a fifth. At 2-0 down in the fifth we wondered if Lucy could do it – and yes she could – she won the 5<sup>th</sup> without dropping another point and Cheshire were Champions!

Very many congratulations to Rachel Chadwick, Lucy Townley, Emily Whitlock, Evie West and Natasha Townley on a superb performance. Take a bow girls....



## Emily for England!

Emily Whitlock continues her quest for world domination, having recently been selected for the U15 England Team for the European Team Champs next month. This is a truly impressive effort really as she only hit 13 last month!

Best of British, Emily....

## British U19 / U15 Championships

Well done all who played in these at the end of February, and particularly to the following who all made the Quarter-Finals:

- Adam Murrils, beaten by Joe Lee 9/1, 9/4, 9/0 (U19)
- Lucy Townley, beaten by Tesni Evans 10/8, 9/4, 6/9, 9/3 (U15)
- Emily Whitlock, beaten by Sophie Lemom 9/4, 9/0, 9/7 (U15)

## Dates for your diaries:

Next up for a good few of us is the **Northern Cup**, on the weekend of 12-13 May. Team Managers will have contacted, or will shortly be in contact with, those selected and eligible to play. Best of luck all.

For the younger players, Alan Batchelor and Martin Wren will be running an **Inter-County U11 tournament** at the Northern on 28/29 April. The event has been running for about 15 years now and has traditionally been a team event on Sundays, but will this year include an individual event on the Saturday. Hope the younger ones enjoy the weekend and get a taste of the delights of competitive squash.

**Cheshire Junior Closed** – this will be held on the England Squash designated weekend of **29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September** at Warrington Sports Club. Entry forms will be out in a few weeks time.

#### **Inter-county dates for 2007/8**

- U19/U15 – Stage 1 - 14 Oct, Stage 2 - 27 Jan 2008, Finals 15/16 March 2008
- U17/U13 – Stage 1 - 4 Nov, Stage 2 - 3 Feb 2008, Finals 22/23 March 2008

Remember you have to be under the age on the last day of the finals weekend

**Details of upcoming England Squash-sponsored events** are listed on the England Squash web-site - [www.englandsquash.com](http://www.englandsquash.com) (click on Events). Please ensure all tournament entries are submitted in good time.

The **next junior training session** at Warrington Sports Club will be on **May 6th**. **Future sessions** will run on **June 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Don't forget, **Drewe** (the County Junior's Senior Coach) also runs his **Squash Clinic** on the last Sunday of the month at Chester Squash Club - for more information contact George on 01244-538061/541123, or via eMail (Ann.Geo@TalkTalk.Net)

## **U13 Squash Coaching in Malta**

Paul Anthony Lake is an England Squash level 3 coach and has been working for the European Squash Federation over the last 2 years as a coaching tutor. He moved to Malta 3 years ago and has been running the Malta and European Squash Academies there.

To help with the development of junior squash in Malta and to possibly offer an interesting holiday to children / parents, he is organising a week long training camp (28/29 July to 4/5 August) in Malta. The idea is for a small group of around 8-12 (aged 13 and under) junior boys & girls to train together during a week long squash camp. The camp will finish with a small tournament on the final day followed by a beach BBQ.

Please contact Paul direct if interested in this, or if you need further details.

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## **Reminder...**

Without your news (achievements, milestones, successes, engagements, acts of charity, indiscretions or tittle-tattle, etc.) we cannot let the rest of the Cheshire Junior Squash faithful know about it – we can't make it up!

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